At a Numerous and Reſpectable MEETING of the *Citizens* and *Inhabitants* of Briſtol and its Neighbourhood, deſirous of entering into a MILITARY VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION, held at the *GUILD-HALL*, on the 18th Day of *February*, 1797,

EVAN BAILLIE, Eſq. in the Chair:

BIBLIOTECA · BODLEIANA

The following RESOLUTIONS were *Unanimouſly* agreed to.

Reſolved, That this ASSOCIATION make an Offer of their Services to Government, on the Conditions hereafter-mentioned:

1.—That the propoſed Corps ſhall be Infantry, and called the BRISTOL VOLUNTEERS; and that it ſhall conſiſt of One Thouſand Men, (or as many more as ſhall enter themſelves as Members of this Aſſociation) excluſive of 2 Lieutenant-Colonels, 2 Majors, 10 Captains, 10 Lieutenants, 10 Enſigns; 2 Adjutants, 1 Quarter-Maſter, and 1 Serjeant-Major; or as many more of each Rank as the increaſed Number of the Aſſociation ſhall require: and the Books of the Aſſociation be kept open to receive all additional Signatures.

2.—That a Liſt of the Officers be tranſmitted to Government, when their Election ſhall have been made by the Aſſociation, with the Requeſt that Commiſſions be granted to the Gentlemen who ſhall be ſo recommended, according to the Rank ſet oppoſite to their reſpective Names.

3.—That the Officers and Privates of this Corps ſhall ſerve without Pay, or other public Emolument.

4.—That Government be ſolicited to furniſh Arms, Accoutrements, Ammunition, Drums and Field Pieces; likewiſe the Pay of an Adjutant, 10 Serjeants, and 10 Drummers.

5.—That the extra' Pay of an Adjutant, or Adjutants, and other incidental Charges be paid out of a Fund to be raiſed by Subſcription, to which it is not doubted but that the Inhabitants at large will readily contribute.

6.—That Men and Officers do attend Two Hours out of ſome one Day, that may be appointed in every Week to drill, and that Once a Month, or oftener if found neceſſary, there ſhall be a *General Muſter*, or *Field Day*.

7.—That there ſhall be no Roll-call except on ſuch Drill or Field Days.

8.—That the Serjeants do warn the Men for Duty.

9.—That it is underſtood that this Corps is, on no Account, to be ſubject to Military Service, except in Caſe of actual Invaſion.

10.—That on no Occaſion, and in no Exigency whatever, the Whole, or any Detachment of the Corps are to be removed above one Day's moderate March from Briſtol.

Gough Somerset 7 13 b

11.—That the Cloathing of this Corps ſhall be as little expenſive as poſſible, (each Member of the Aſſociation being intended to provide his own,) at the ſame Time, it is expected to be ſtrictly uniform.

12.—While under Arms and on Duty, it is underſtood that this Corps ſhall be ſubject to ſtrict Military Diſcipline, which alone can make them reſpectable or uſeful.

13.—That in Caſe of Abſence from Parade or Duty, without ſufficient Excuſe, both Officers and Men, ſhall be ſubject to ſuch pecuniary Mulct, as may be fixed by the Committee; but which ſhall be remitted on ſatisfying the Field Officers, or any two of them, that the Cauſe of their Abſence was indiſpenſable.——That all Fines be inveſted in the common regimental Fund or Stock.

14.—That the CHIEF-MAGISTRATE of the City of Briſtol, for the Time being, be appointed *honorary* Colonel of this Corps, but without aſſuming any Military Character or interfering in the leaſt in the Command or Detail of the Regiment.

15.—That EVAN BAILLIE and WILLIAM GORE, Eſqrs. be recommended to Government to be appointed to the Rank of Lieutenant Colonels of this Corps.

16.—That THOMAS KINGTON and THOMAS HAYNES, Eſqrs. be recommended to Government to be appointed to the Rank of Majors of this Corps; and that it be requeſted that their reſpective Commiſſions be forthwith granted.

17.—That a COMMITTEE, to be appointed, do wait upon the MAYOR of this City, and ſolicit him to tranſmit the Offer, Minutes and Reſolves to Government, recommending as early an Anſwer as can be given; and that, if the Plan be approved, no Time may be loſt in forwarding the Arms, &c. that the Diſcipline of the Corps may immediately be attended to.

It was further Unanimouſly Reſolved,

1.—THAT as ſoon as a Subſcription is ſet on foot for the Purpoſes before mentioned, a TREASURER ſhall be appointed, who ſhall act in every Reſpect under the Orders of the Committee.

2.—That no larger Subſcription be at firſt ſolicited from any Individual than Ten Guineas, and no ſmaller than One Guinea be accepted.

3.—That the early appointment of a Quarter-Maſter is abſolutely neceſſary for this Corps.

4.—That the Aid of two Gentlemen, as SECRETARIES, is indiſpenſably neceſſary to arrange the Buſineſs of the Committee, and that the Voluntary Services of two Gentlemen (but without exemption from Military Service) be ſolicited—provided the ſame ſhall be thought right by the Committee.

5.—That the Officers, which have not at this Meeting been nominated, together with Non-Commiſſioned Officers, the Adjutant, Serjeant-Major, and the neceſſary Drill-Serjeants alone excepted, be elected (by Ballot or open Vote) by the ſeveral Companies to which they ſhall belong, from among themſelves, and that the Committee be directed to conſider of any Means by which the periodical Change of ſuch Officers and Non-Commiſſioned Officers, by a new Choice made by each reſpective Company, can be accompliſhed.

6.—That the Regulation of all Matters reſpecting the Uniform to be worn by the Corps, ſhall be referred to the Committee.

7.—That a Committee for the Regulation and carrying into Effect all Matters, ſpecially referred to them, and all other things relative to the Complete eſtabliſhment of this Aſſociation and firſt formation of the Corps be new choſen, conſiſting of Twenty-One Members, excluſive of the Four Gentlemen who have been recommended by this Meeting to hold the Rank of Field-Officers, and that as ſoon as any Number of them, not leſs than Seven, ſhall aſſemble at their Public Place of Meeting, they be authorized to proceed to Buſineſs.

8.—That the Committee now to be choſen, ſhall be only Proviſional 'till the ſeveral Companies of the Aſſociated Corps ſhall have been ſo far formed as that a General Muſter of the ſeveral Companies ſhall take place, and that at ſuch firſt general Muſter, each Company ſhall from among themſelves chuſe two Individuals, who, together with the Field Officers, ſhall form a Committee for the Conduct of the Civil Affairs and internal Regulation of the Corps—which ſaid Committee ſhall, in like manner, be renewed at each Interval of Six Months, the Field-Officers always being Members thereof.

9.—That this Committee do conſiſt of

Meſſrs. EVAN BAILLIE,
WILLIAM GORE,
THOMAS KINGTON,
THOMAS HAYNES,
PETER BAILLIE,
T. BATCHELOR,
R. BRIGHT,
R. BRUCE,
R. BUSH,
STEPH. CAVE,
ROB. CLAXTON,
J. F. EDGAR,
GEO. GIBBS,

Meſſrs. G. GOLDNEY,
J. LAMBERT,
P. JOHN MILES,
J. H. NOBLE,
ED. PROTHEROE,
H. PROTHEROE,
J. F. PINNEY,
A. PINNEY,
A. POPE,
J. TOBIN,
H. TOBIN,
T. TYNDALL.

10.—That Thanks be given to MAJOR WORTHINGTON, of the Suſſex-Cavalry, for the very uſeful Communications and offers of important Service, made by him to this Meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE MEETING,

EVAN BAILLIE, Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN HAVING LEFT THE CHAIR,

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY,

That Thanks be given to EVAN BAILLIE, Eſq. for the very able and impartial Manner in which he has prepared and conducted the whole Buſineſs of this Meeting.